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THE BORDER OR RIDING CLANS, FOLLOWED BY A HISTORY OF THE CLAN DICKSON AND A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE FAMILY OF THE AUTHOR. By B. Homer Dixon, K.N.L. 1 vol. Small quarto, 224 pp. Joel Munsell's Sons, Albany, 1889.

The first edition of this work was privately printed for the compiler's own family and friends, but as applications were made for copies, the present enlarged edition was prepared, and embraces: The Border Clans; Landed Titles; The Clan Dickson; Families; Members of Parliament; Arms; Homer Dixon Family; Index to Clans and Surnames,—of the latter upwards of two hundred. Among the American connections of the Clan Dickson are members of the families of Dallas, Sergeant, Biddle, Trotter, Thayer, Newbold, and Sharpless, of Philadelphia. Mr. Dallas Yorke, of Walmsgate Park, near Louth, Lincolnshire, England, who assumed the additional name of Yorke upon inheriting the estates of his maternal uncle in 1856, is the present chief of the Dallas family. He has one son, and one daughter who married the Duke of Portland. The volume is beautifully printed on heavy cream-laid paper, and bound in cloth. Price, \$5.

SKETCHES OF WAR HISTORY, 1861-65. Edited by Capt. Robert Hunter. Vol. III. 8vo, pp. 471. Robert Clarke & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

The papers which make up the handsome volume before us have been prepared in conformity with a rule of the Ohio Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, which imposes on its recorder the collection of historical papers from members relating to their experiences and observations in the battles and campaigns of the late rebellion. Among the contributors we find the names of Major-Generals D. S. Stanley, J. Warren Keifer, W. P. Carlin, and C. C. Doolittle; Brigadier-Generals R. R. Dawes, A. Hickenlooper, and John Beatty; and Colonels M. M. Granger, Douglas Putnam, Jr., Gilbert D. Munson, William E. Merrill, and R. M. Kelly, whose papers, "The Tullahoma Campaign," "Battle of Sailor's Creek," "Battle of Bentonville," "Defence of Decatur," "On the Right at Antietam," "Our Volunteer Engineers," "Battle of Cedar Creek," "Battle of Shiloh," "Battle of Atlanta," throw a new light upon the events in which their authors participated. The Loyal Legion, by the collection and publication of original contributions to the history of the late rebellion, is in a measure an historical society of no mean importance, and its efforts should be substantially appreciated by the public and army men. The volume is printed on fine paper, bound in blue-grained cloth, with gilt top and uncut edges, and is uniform with the two former volumes issued by the Commandery. Price, delivered, \$2.

COAL: ITS ANTIQUITY, DISCOVERY, AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT IN THE WYOMING VALLEY. By George B. Kulp, Wilkes-Barre, 1890.

This interesting paper was read before the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, in June last, by its compiler, Mr. Kulp, who is the historiographer of the Society.